

The Lost Happy Endings



Welcome back! Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to all the children for being so brilliant and for working so hard last half term.
I hope you enjoyed the half term break and are ready for the new half term in the run up to **Christmas**!

Our topic is called 'The Lost Happy Endings' and is based on the book of the same name by Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray. We will be looking at the story in lots of detail and making our own soft toys out of felt.
I hope this letter is helpful and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Mrs Edwards & Mrs Blamire 😊

English

This half term in English, we will be looking at the amazing picture book '***The Lost Happy Endings***' by Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray. We will be looking at all the amazing language used within the story and writing our own alternative endings. **To help engage and support your children with the topic, you could read further fairy tale stories with them at home and look at the language used (such as how the sentences are started or how the good and bad characters are described!)**

Maths

In Maths we will be –
* Learning about multiplication and division facts for the 3,6,9,7,11 & 12 times tables.
* Applying our **times tables** knowledge to lots of different problems.
* Learning about perimeter and area.

It is vital that the children have a secure knowledge of all the times tables **up to 12x12**. This is really important to what they will be learning over the next few terms, as well as the multiplication check that is coming up towards the end of the school year. Regular practise at home and school is imperative in achieving this level of fluency and ensuring they are able to access all the learning in class.

Times Tables Rock Stars is a brilliant way to practise timetables in a similar way to how the questions will be asked in the times tables check that your children will be sitting in June next year. This game can be played on a laptop or the app can be downloaded from your preferred app store.

Science

In science we will be learning about **electricity**. We will be building our own circuits and learning about insulators and conductors.
A website you can explore electricity on is:

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has their PE kits in school at all times, including suitable trainers for PE. We will be doing badminton for PE this term and it is not suitable for them to be doing this in their school clothes.

Homework:

Your child will be set a menu style homework to run throughout the half term.

Your child should also spend 5 – 10 minutes reading and practicing times tables, daily.